

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9, 12 and 13 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,362,097 to Rogers et al. (hereinafter Rogers). The device of Rogers is a baler wherein the ground engaging wheels are connected to the frame of the baler by a hydraulic cylinder. The pressure therein is left constant such that the growing weight of the baler during bale formation lets the baler move downwardly, and this movement is displayed. The device of the present invention works differently in that the sensor is mounted between the frame of the baler and rollers located below the bale. Once the bale is finished the rollers move beneath the underside of the bale and the sensor measures the weight of the bale. Rogers does not disclose such a structure. Claim 1 has now been amended to more clearly state that the sensing element is located between the support element and the frame. It is therefore submitted that claim 1 is distinguished over the Rogers reference.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 10 and 11 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rogers in view of US Patent No. 6,313,414 to Campbell et al. (hereinafter Campbell). Because claims 10 and 11 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 it is submitted that claims 10 and 11 are likewise allowable in view of the amendment to claim 1 and the reasons set forth above.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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